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USAID invests \$62,000 to renovate primary schools in Ilinden and Chaska

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project (PEP) will invest more than \$3 million for renovation of up to 100 primary schools across Macedonia. The "Goce Delchev" primary school in Ilinden and the "Todor Janev" school in Chaska are among the beneficiaries of this assistance. PEP contributed \$33,000 and \$29,000 to the schools, respectively, to replace old wooden windows with new energy efficient aluminum frames.

This successful project would not have been possible without the excellent cooperation between PEP, the two municipalities, and the schools. All partners contributed funds to the renovation and took an active part in its implementation and monitoring. The completion of the projects were celebrated at ribbon-cutting ceremonies on May 7th and 8th, attended by the Mayors, School Principals, and other VIPs from USAID and PEP.

The renovation component of the USAID Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.